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The Ohio Gas Company (“Ohio Gas”), pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12, Ohio Administrative Code (“O.A.C.”), respectfully requests the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Commission”) to continue the date for the evidentiary hearing to February 1, 2018. The reasons supporting this motion are set out in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12(C), O.A.C., Ohio Gas also requests that the Commission issue an immediate ruling on this motion. No party objects to an immediate decision on the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Memorandum in Support**

The Commission has previously set an evidentiary hearing for January 18, 2018. The parties are working towards settlement, and the date to submit testimony has previously been vacated. To afford the parties additional time to complete a settlement, Ohio Gas is requesting that the hearing be continued for two weeks.

Commission rules provide that a decision may be considered on an expedited basis if there is no objection. Counsel for Ohio Gas contacted parties and they do not object to an expedited ruling on this Motion.[[1]](#footnote-1)

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**Certificate of Service**

In accordance with Rule 4901-1-05, Ohio Administrative Code, the PUCO’s e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document upon the following parties. In addition, I hereby certify that a service copy of the foregoing *Motion of Ohio Gas Company to Continue Date for Evidentiary Hearing, and Request for Expedited Treatment*, was sent by, or on behalf of, the undersigned counsel for Ohio Gas to the following parties of record on January 10, 2018, *via* electronic transmission.

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1. OCC indicated that its decision to not object is not to be deemed a waiver of any future arguments and should not be used against it in the future. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)